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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CCINC FUNDS FOR HIRING OF FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL

REF: BUENOS AIRES 7621 DATED 20 NOV 1975

1. MRS. ALCIA GALDEANO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT THIS MISSION SINCE 10-13-58. FROM 10-13-58 UNTIL 12-7-74, SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY USAID AS CLERK-STENOGRAPHER AND LATER AS TRAINING OFFICER. SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO STATE ON 12-7-74 AND IS CARRIED UNDER SAS CEILING. THIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM ARA/EX TO REDUCE ITS CEILING. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR HAS POINTED OUT THAT REIMBURSING STATE DOES NOT SATISFY HIS REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE SAS POSITIONS AND THAT IT IS UNFAIR TO ASK GALDEANO TO ACCEPT A CONTRACT. SHE IS A GOOD EMPLOYEE AND HE HAS AGREED THE FOLLOWING TO ARRANGEMENT ONLY IF ANOTHER AGENCY POSITION CAN BE FOUND. IF NOT, SHE WILL RETURN TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

2. SINCE SEPT 30,1975, MRS. GALDEANO HAS BEEN WORKING AT THE DEA BUENOS AIRES DISTRICT OFFICER ON A LOAN BASIS AS PER ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN SAIC TRYAL AND EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. MRS. GALDEANO PRESENTLY PREPARES ALL DOCUMENTATION IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPANT TRAINING SUCH AS VISAS, TRANSPORTATION, AND PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS. SHE MAINTAINS ALL RECORDS DEALING WITH TRAINING

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AND PERFORMS A LIAISON FUNCTION WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS

TO MONITOR INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY TRAINED IN THE US.

3. ADDITIONAL DUTIES INCLUDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FO PROJECT AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY SIGNED WITH THE GOA AS WELL AS CONTROL AND MONITORING OF COMMODITIES PROCURED UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS. SHE ASSISTS THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN THE PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DUTIES RELATED TO HIS FUNCTION.

4. MANY OF THE ABOVE FUNCTIONS WERE PRINCIPALLY PERFORMED BY A BADO SPECIAL AGENT, THUS DISTRACTING HIM FROM FULL-TIME PERFORMANCE OF DEA'S PRIMARY MISSION. THE EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. GALDEANO TO PERMANENTLY PERFORM THE ABOVE FUNCTIONS WOULD RELIEVE THE SPECIAL AGENT FOR FULL TIME NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE DULY IMPLEMENTED.

5. THE SERVICES OF MRS. GALDEANO CONSIDERING HER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OVERALL NARCOTICS EFFORT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ARGENTINA IN THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THIS MISSION. WE ARE, THEREFORE, REQUESTING THAT CCINC FUNDS BE AUTHORIZED TO RETAIN HER AND PROPOSE THAT HER POSITION BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY CEILING. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT MRS. GALDEANO BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN THE BADO WHERE THE BULK OF HER WORK TAKES PLACE. SHE WOULD ASSIST THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN HIS FUNCTION. SHE WOULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTROLLED BY THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, BUT HAVE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BADO AS WELL. SHE WOULD DEVOTE ALL HER TIME TO THE OVERALL NARCOTICS EFFORT.

6. TOTAL YEARLY COST FOR EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. GALDEANO IS \$6,500.00 AT PRESENT RATE OF 71.90 ARGENTINE PESOS TO THE US DOLLAR WHICH INCLUDES ALL BENEFITS AND BONUSES.

7. THE ABOVE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AID REGIONAL NARCOTICS ADVISOR (CARACAS) MARTINEZ WHO FULLY CONCURS AND FEELS THAT ASSIGNMENT OF MRS. GALDEANO IN THIS MANNER WOULD FACILITATE WORK FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE IN THE REGION. IN THE
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ABSENCE OF USAID AMERICAN STAFF IN BUENOS AIRES, HE FEELS THAT MRS. GALDEANO COULD FULFILL VALUABLE ROLE IN COORDINATING WITH HIS OFFICE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ON-GOING AND POSSIBLE NEW ASSISTANCE PROJECTS USING CCINC FUNDS.

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